



Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Sean Humphrey House

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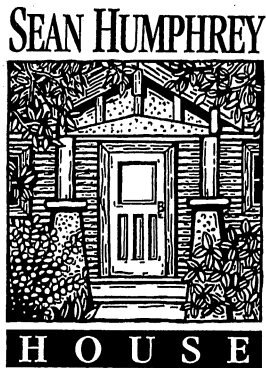
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GENERAL GOALS: Sean Humphrey House is a nonprofit organization in Bellingham, Washington whose mission is to optimize the quality of life for low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS, who may also suffer from other diseases and disabilities, and who are unable to live independently.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

Please accept our final report on the expenditure of your grant awarded in March of 2016 for residence and hospice services for extremely low-income adults living with the HIV/AIDS. All of your funds were used for direct client services. Nothing was allocated to administration, overhead, fundraising or any other expense. Sean Humphrey House is occupied by six residents 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. To date for this year we have provided 1,656 Beds Nights of care. Our facility has been fully occupied with six extremely low-income residents since January 15\ 2016. We have also provided 4,968 hot, -home-cooked meals and 6,144 course of medication

For more information please see the attached report from Sean Humphrey House.



October 4, 2016

Marilyn Sheldon, Director
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions
8802 27th Avenue NE
Tulalip, WA 98271-9694

Dear Ms. Sheldon:

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Sean Humphrey House (SHH) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization providing residential services for very low-income adults living with HIV/AIDS. Our care is focused on those who have no other options for assistance. Residents come to us from hospitals, shelters, and often from the streets. SHH offices and our six-bed group family home are located in a quiet residential neighborhood in north Bellingham. Our facility opened in 1996 following the death of R. Sean Humphrey, in accordance with his final wish. Sean envisioned a peaceful place that would provide housing, nutrition, medication, and support to people with HIV/AIDS without regard to economic or personal circumstances. In 20 years of continuous operation we have gained a reputation as a can-do, forward-thinking agency with sound fiscal management, highly-trained and dedicated staff, and dynamic leadership.

This is a critical time in the long history of Sean Humphrey House. About 47% of our funding comes from a State of Washington, Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) reimbursement program. In February of 2014 we received notice with no prior warning that the reimbursement rate for our clients would be reduced by 65%. A funding cut of this magnitude would have forced the closure of Sean Humphrey House just as soon as our cash reserves were exhausted. In the spring of 2014 we worked with supporters in the local community and with our representatives to the Washington State Legislature. With great effort we were able to delay the cuts until July of 2017. While we have been able to operate as usual in the time since this announcement, the threat has not gone away.

DSHS has not changed their decision about our funding. They fully intend to impose these cuts next year. Given this we will need to begin working with our supporters again this fall to reverse this ill-informed decision. We were never provided with a complete answer from DSHS as to why Sean Humphrey House was singled out for such a drastic reduction in funding. From a financial point of view it makes little sense. Our reimbursement grant from DSHS this year will be about \$155,000. Sixty-five percent (65%) of this is about \$100,000. This is an

enormous sum for our small agency. However, it is a miniscule percentage of the DSHS annual budget. If SHH were to close, some and perhaps all of our clients would eventually be hospitalized with a per-client cost of care many times higher than ours. Further, the cuts are in direct opposition to the humanitarian mission of the DSHS itself. Make no mistake, we will fight this battle with every tool we have at our disposal. We feel that we can win, but it will not be easy. If we do succeed it will be in part due to the high level of local and regional support we receive from donors like the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund.

Sean Humphrey House is a progressive and forward-looking organization serving a population that, despite our best collective efforts, continues to expand. At last count there were more than 18,000 identified HIV/AIDS cases in Washington State alone. At the same time, there is a critical shortage of residential and hospice services devoted to HIV/AIDS care for low-income individuals. In 1990, across Washington State, a total of eight residential facilities dedicated to HIV/AIDS were either operating or on the drawing board. Of these, only two now survive. Rosehedge in Seattle, the largest residence and hospice for those living with HIV/AIDS in Washington State, closed at the end of 2013 due to funding difficulties. It was very difficult for them to place their residents in suitable housing, and we were able to accommodate two Rosehedge clients in Sean Humphrey House. We were asked to take two more, but we simply did not have the space.

As stated above, this is a critical time in the history of Sean Humphrey House. The deep cuts in funding proposed by DSHS threaten our very survival. If we are forced to close it will be difficult and perhaps impossible to find housing for all of our clients. While things have improved somewhat, HIV still incites unreasoned fear. Those infected with the disease are often shunned by society and even abandoned by their own families.

Thank you again for your outstanding generosity. About 44% of our annual income is derived from private sources. In our discussions with DSHS, your support and the support of other local and regional donors helps us to make a strong case for continued public funding. If you require additional information about Sean Humphrey House, please do not hesitate to contact me at (360) 733-0176 or directorshh@comcast.net.

Sincerely,



Josh Grubb
Executive Director